

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends claims 3-5 and 7 and cancels claim 2. Now pending in the application are claims 1 and 3-7, of which claim 1 is independent. Claims 3-5 and 7 are amended to change their dependencies because of the cancellation of claim 2. No new matter is added. In light of the foregoing claim amendments and the arguments set forth in the Response submitted on July 26, 2004, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, however, the Examiner considers that further obstacles to allowance of these claims persist, we invite a telephone call to Applicant's representative.

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Respectfully submitted,

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